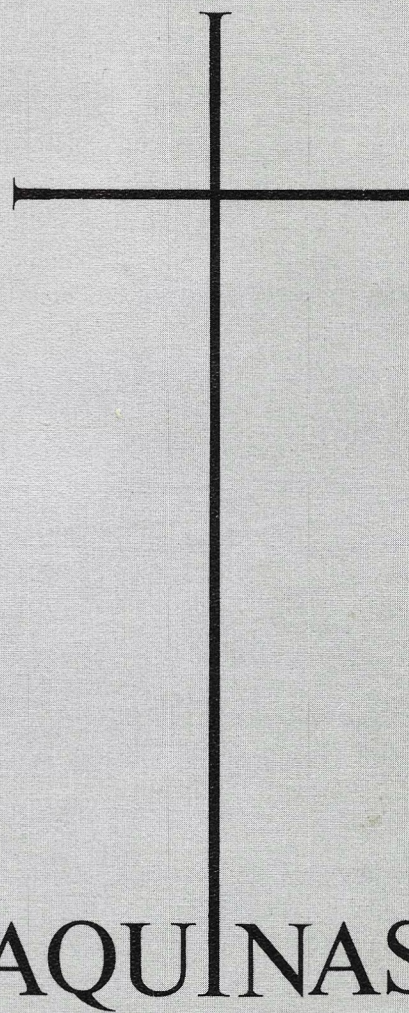




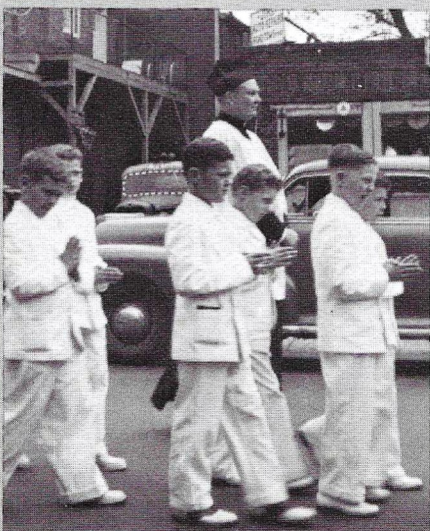
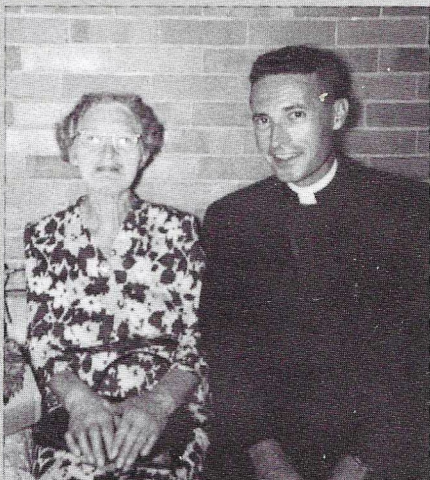
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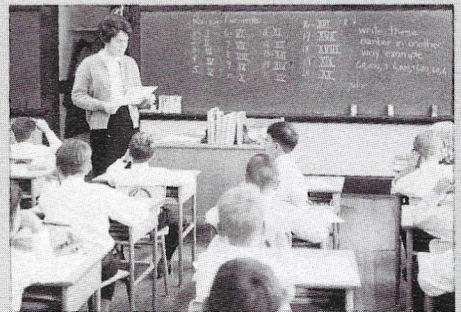
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We the people of God, priests and people together, offering our common prayer, worship, study, recreation



unity with Christ — we are the Church.



One Hundred Years In Christ

Prologue

The Second Vatican Council made it evident that the concerns of man are the concerns of the Church. The basis of these concerns is the realization that the Church is the people of God — the community of Christian worshippers involved in the entire community of man.

The same Council has urged a renewal of the Church in the modern world — an individual, spiritual renewal of faith, hope and love and a renewal of community living through common worship. The Council has given the guidelines for achieving this renewal — the new liturgy with greater participation by the parishioners in the priesthood of Christ; the ecumenical movement with greater understanding of other Christians and sincere effort toward achieving Christian unity.

Some of the faithful are frightened or confused by the changes taking place in the Church; others are impatient for even more and greater changes. Nothing can allay the fears of the one and soothe the anxieties of the other more than a close look at the history of the Church. The history of the Church reveals that in every age the Church has experienced changes according to the social, political and economic conditions of the time; yet remains ever the same — one faith, one baptism, one Holy Spirit. The history of the Church also reveals that the spirit of Christian life has sparked great spiritual, social and cultural movements which have answered the deepest needs of man, but that such sparks grew steadily into flames rather than igniting a destructive explosion.

And so it is in our own time, in our own parish. Our parish is one hundred years old. It has witnessed many changes over those ten decades, yet it has not grown old. Our parish is one hundred years young. Today it is a parish of the renewal. If we truly appreciate the changes that have taken place in the past, we will not fear the changes taking place today. If we truly appreciate the renewal in the Church today we will not be anxious of tomorrow, for all is made one in the unity of Christ.

The story of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is the story of the old — of the ancient Church of almost two thousand years established within the community of Hampden, of this ancient Church's growth along with the community, of the joys and sorrows, the successes and the failures it has shared with this community. Our parish story is the story of the new — of the new liturgy, of lay participation, of the ecumenical movement, of the Church in the modern world facing the social challenges of urban life.

But more than anything else the story of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is the story of people — the people of God — in the community of Hampden.

As is usual in the United States, the neighborhood antedates the parish by some years. A sparsely populated farming community settled in this district more than one hundred and fifty years ago. A few years before the Civil War, some mills were built, mostly for the production of cotton duck. An iron works was also built, probably attracted by the water power offered by the Jones Falls. Although this source of power would very soon be

superseded by steam power, the neighborhood had already been established. It was not called Hampden then, but Slabtown, from the construction of the mill workers' homes. Tenements were built for these workers, which rented for one dollar a month, and called forth, no doubt, the cry of "blood-sucking landlord" from their occupants.

About 1856 Martin Kelly and his wife, Hattie, built a home on what is now Hickory Avenue, north of Thirty-eighth Street. The home was known as the Kelly Mansion. This was also the time of the formation of the Hampden Association, incorporated to buy about 450 acres of land from General Henry Mankin for a real estate development. Two beautiful linen maps preserved from that period in the Maryland Room of the Enoch Pratt Library, as well as prints and maps in the Peale Museum, give present-day residents of Hampden a real thrill to peruse.

The name Hampden is generally believed to have been given to the village by General Mankin in honor of John Hampden, Gentleman, of Buckinghamshire, "the patriotic Englishman," as Miss Olivia Mankin wrote in 1925, "who was among the first to oppose the arbitrary if not illegal levy of taxes by King Charles I," and who was thus "a brave forerunner of our revolutionary struggles." Others have claimed that it was named for John Hampden Pleasants, whose son-in-law owned a large part of this neighborhood, but the name may go back also through this line to the same source.

Shortly after Mr. Kelly built his mansion, the county began construction



OUR
LADY OF THE
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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
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of a reservoir, and the local mills were enlarged. Mr. Kelly built houses to accommodate the workers near his homestead. A number of new settlers were attracted to the neighborhood, among them, of course, Catholics.

Founding Our Parish

That the Church is the “people of God” — priest and people together — rather than the complex of buildings, could not be more evident than in the establishment of our parish. The small community of Catholics was there. All that was needed to establish the Church was a priest. The priest was Father Dwight E. Lyman, pastor of Saint Mary Church, Govanstown. The priestly life of our real spiritual founder is of particular interest, especially in light of present day ecumenical concern.

Father Lyman was a superbly educated Episcopal priest who was converted to Catholicism during the “Oxford Movement” of the 1850’s, following the conversion of the men who later became Cardinals John Henry Newman and Henry Edward Manning in England. Already well advanced in his own church, he studied in the seminary and was soon appointed to the pastorate at Saint Mary’s.

When Saint Mary’s was dedicated in 1850 there were only seven Catholic churches in Baltimore: the Cathedral (now the Basilica of the Assumption), Saint Patrick, Saint Alphonsus, Saint James, Saint Joseph, Saint Vincent, and Saint Peter. Saint Mary’s was the only Catholic church in what is now North Baltimore and the northern suburbs.

Father Lyman saw the need for a “station” at Hampden for the hundred or so Catholics who lived there. He made arrangements with Mr. Kelly to celebrate Mass in his homestead every other week. Mr. Kelly was overjoyed. The piano was converted into an altar, and he himself served the Mass and conducted a catechism class.

Priest and people were together and formed a worshipping community even though the church was a home and the altar a piano. Worship and instruction — the Church and its mission of the word of God were being fulfilled. Of course, this was not the official establishment of the parish, but it does tell us of the faith of the people and the pastoral concern of the priest; it was a good beginning.

The details of the official establishment of Saint Thomas’ as a parish is told dramatically and well in the Golden Jubilee edition of *The Aquinas Messenger* of 1917. On a cold and wintry Sunday in 1866 Mass could not be said at the Kelly Mansion, so James Morris, Kerron Foley and Michael McGee set out from Hampden for the Church of the Immaculate Conception. “They were full of the good old faith that laughs at difficulties,” but the storm grew worse and the distance was long, and they finally had to give up their project. They had scarcely turned back, however, when they met two women, neighbors, bent on the same project, whom they urged to go back also. But the women had made up their minds and would not turn back. This left the three men with no Christian choice but to accompany the women through the storm. On they went, reached the church, heard

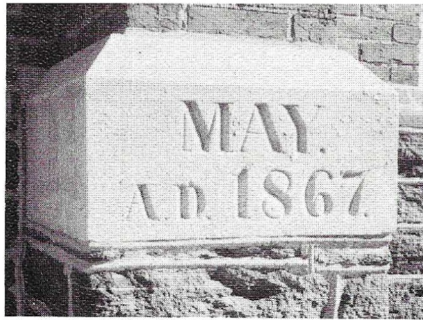
Holy Mass, and returned safely, though exhausted.

On their way back, the three men discussed at length the necessity of having a church in the neighborhood. They turned their thoughts promptly into action, holding a series of meetings and calling on all the Catholic families of the neighborhood to gain their support. The result was a successful petition to Archbishop Spaulding and the appointment of a committee to select the ground for a church. In January of 1867 the work was begun on a wooden chapel, and Father Lawrence Malloy was appointed the first pastor of “the church at Hampden.” The sacred vessels and other precious belongings were kept at the Kelly Mansion, where Father Malloy made his home until completion of the rectory. The parish numbered at this, its beginning, between three and four hundred souls.

The Aquinas Messenger also informs us that as an act of respect and gratitude to the Reverend Thomas Foley, the administrator of the diocese who had rendered many services to the new parish including the choice of a site for its church, the parish was named after his patron saint, Saint Thomas Aquinas. So we gained our remarkable patron who was shortly to spring into new prominence in the world’s thinking and to remain very lively in it, despite his seven hundred years, right down to our own day.

Mr. Martin Kelly died in 1863, but his soul must have rejoiced in the strong faith of his daughter Hettie, who purchased the ground for the church, while her husband, John C. Armstrong, a contractor of note who erected the first buildings of Notre Dame

College, Goucher College and a number of civic and public buildings, not only contributed his own time, but donated the materials for the foundations. The work sometimes seemed slow, for the parish was small and poor, but all were drawn close in a real bond of love, performing a great deal of the work with their own hands.



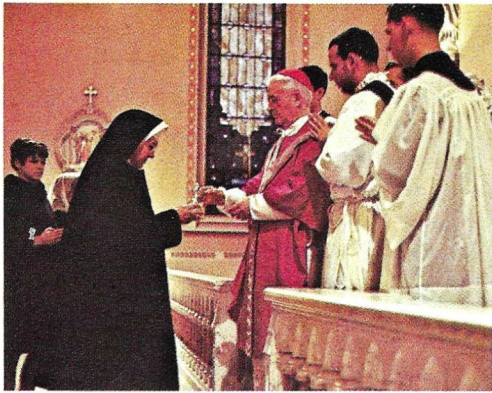
The original cornerstone of our church; (below) Our church in the 1900's

Our Church is Built

On a beautiful spring day — May 12, 1867 — the cornerstone was laid by the Very Reverend Thomas Foley. It is reported in the 1907 souvenir year book that a Father James Gibbons preached; he would return fifty years later to preside, as first Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, at the Golden Jubilee of Saint Thomas Aquinas', in 1917. The building now continued rapidly, and the Archbishop solemnly blessed the basement church on Sunday, December 1, 1867, in the presence of a large gathering of people.

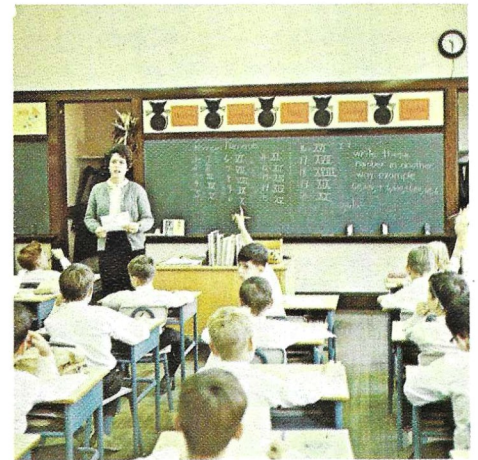
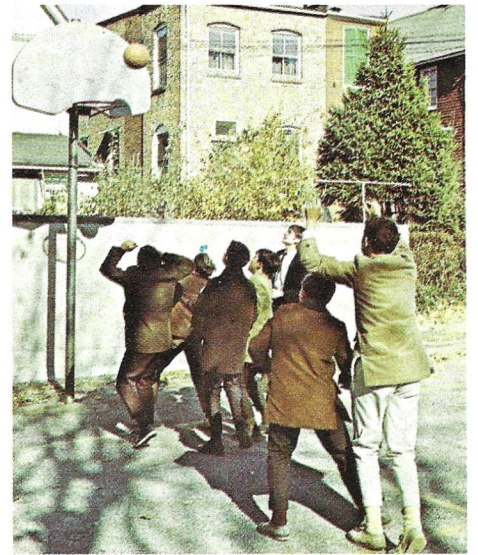
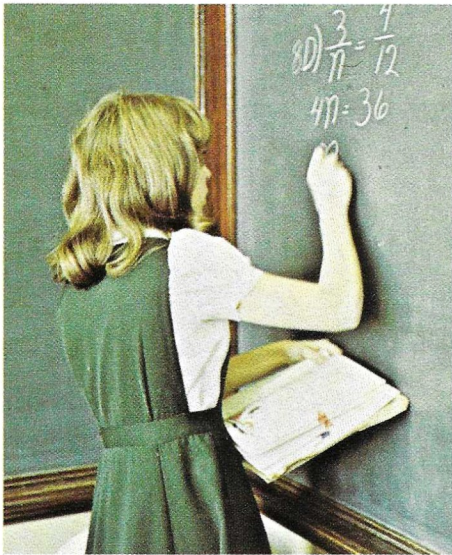
In August of 1868 Father Malloy was transferred to the pastorate of Saint Joseph Church in Texas, Maryland. "To take him away, who had even worked with his own hands in the erection of their church, was a blow difficult to bear," says the account. In our own day of specialized "kickoff teams," we might be more understanding. The charge of Saint Thomas' reverted for a time to the Reverend Dwight Lyman with Father Francis P. Duggan as assistant. About the first of 1869, Father Duggan took up residence in the vicinity of the church for the sake of convenience and in August of that year,





*"We offer You, O Lord, the chalice of salvation. . .
for our salvation and for that of the whole world."*

*"Let the little children come unto Me, and forbid them
not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mark 10:14)*

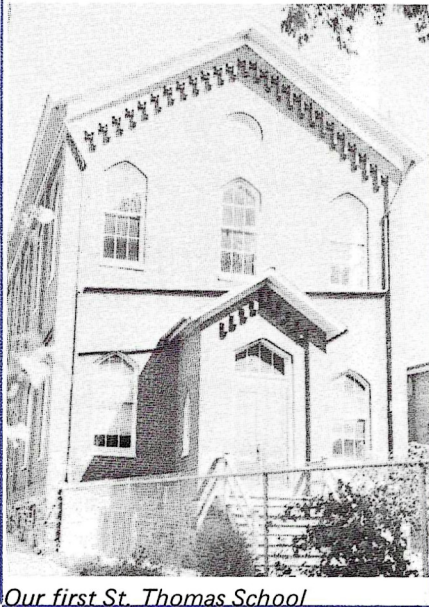


my first school

following the first Confirmation and the first Mass in the upper church, the parishioners presented a petition to the Archbishop that Father Duggan be made their permanent pastor. The Archbishop was about to leave for Rome to attend the First Vatican Council. The petition was granted without hesitation. Father Duggan's inspiring seventeen-year pastorate was marked by the great spiritual growth of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

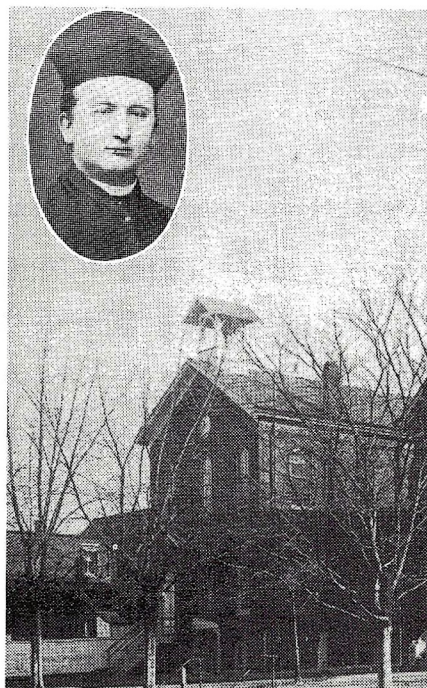
Our Unusual School

Father Duggan's care for the Christian education of the young led to a happy arrangement which seems remarkable to us in our day. In 1873 he built a parish school, beginning with two rooms, adding a third in 1877. But, alas, he found that he now had a school, but not enough parish income to support it. At the same time it appears the county had enough money to operate a school, but not enough to build a new one. So, by an unusual agreement with the county, the school was operated as a public school which offered special religious instruction to Catholic pupils. The parish history says, "The proposal was accepted, and a contract drawn up by Father Duggan was agreed to. By this the pastor of Saint Thomas had the right to appoint a Catholic principal and one Catholic teacher . . . Every morning his Catholic teachers conducted catechism classes before the regular classes began." The account (written in 1917) continues, "But, lest a misunderstanding creep in here, we must not fail to call attention to fact, that there was no such thing as proselytizing



Our first St. Thomas School

Fr. Duggan and our old school



and no bad spirit manifested toward children who were not of the Faith. Such conduct Father Duggan was by no means a man to permit." A few years later, the school having outgrown its three little rooms, an upper story was added.

What a sensible arrangement, in an age which we are sometimes prone to view as "intolerant." Of course, we know it could not happen in our own enlightened times, in face of a chorus of groans, growls and gnashing of teeth from the defenders of our "traditional" freedom from religion. But we can well believe that some little children were "blessed" in receiving an education through that very practical and successful solution, and that all who were involved are to be congratulated.

Our Methodist Community

Such an historic example might well remind us today that a true Christian spirit was indeed alive in Hampden and that other Christian congregations were contributing to that community spirit.

In the fall of 1867 at the home of Mr. John Knight on Clipper Mill Road, a group of about thirty-five Methodists from lower Hampden began a meeting together for prayer and praise. Their sincere witness and effective proclamation of the Gospel drew such large crowds that by spring a temporary tabernacle had to be built to house what had become a continuing revival.

By the fall of 1868 this growing band had been received into the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and had built a permanent

place of worship known as Cox's Chapel. This building stood on the site of the present Hampden Methodist Church on Falls Road south of Thirty-sixth Street and served the congregation until the erection of the present structure in 1922.

Between 1867 and 1913 eighteen ministers were assigned by the Maryland Conference to serve the Hampden appointment. Their work in Hampden was heroic and faithful covering all phases of church activities, even to the establishment of three other churches as mission outreach posts (Aldersgate, Keen Memorial and Evergreen). Although the work was slow, by 1913 all these men were dedicated community leaders as well as Christian ministers.

Woodberry, although located but two miles from Evans Chapel which was begun in the 1760's as the first Methodist meeting house in Baltimore County (near the present Roland Avenue and Belvedere), did not have a Methodist church until after Horatio Gambrill opened the first cotton mills.

A frame chapel was opened June 30, 1844, and in 1847 and 1848 a full-time pastor was assigned by the Baltimore Conference. Until 1865 the congregation was served by preachers of Summerfield Circuit. In 1866, Reverend L. T. Wideman led the then forty-nine members in securing funds for the present 440 seat church building at Druid Park Drive and Clipper Road. Ground was broken on July 2, 1867, and on January 19, 1868, the downstairs was opened for services. Isaac Crowther, a stonemason and long-time church trustee, built the Gothic structure, evidently from

plans drawn by E. G. Lind, who had designed the Peabody Institute and other prominent buildings.

By 1877 the Sunday School was the largest in the Baltimore Conference. Around this time, Woodberry controlled and assisted the present Grace-Hampden Church, which increased the Sunday School to 1,150 pupils and teachers. A bit later, in 1889, Alcaeus Hooper gave the ground and frame chapel for the present Roland Avenue Church, a daughter of our congregation.

Beyond the contribution of the Woodberry Church to the Christian ministry, including J. L. McLain, Morgan Chambers, George Murphy, J. R. Boblits and J. S. German, was the contribution to the entire Christian community.

Among the pastors sent to Woodberry have been several of note. Luther B. Wilson, assistant minister from 1879-1881, was later a leading Methodist bishop. A number of pastors were later promoted to the office of district superintendent, among them Doctors Wideman, Neal, Amos and Beckett. Reverend Beckett, pastor during the days of the depression, gave much not only to his pastorate but to the spirit of Christian charity in the community by providing groceries, clothing and fuel for many needy families in addition to operating an employment bureau and welfare depot.

Hampden and Our Parish Grow

Although it might not have been so readily recognized in the early years of development, the Christian spirit of the community was growing toward

what we now appreciate as the movement of the Holy Spirit toward genuine Christian community cooperation.

In 1879, an event of high theological and philosophical importance occurred in which the parishioners of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish must have taken a particular interest. Their patron, Saint Thomas Aquinas (who had been canonized by Pope John XXII in the fourteenth century), was declared by Pope Leo XIII to be "the Common Doctor of the Church," and his great system of philosophy, Thomism, was accepted as an official philosophy (but not as dogma) of the Church. This powerful philosophy, with its majestic thesis that "All Truth is One," has had a tremendous impact, even in the modern world.

In 1885, Father Duggan was succeeded in the pastorate of Saint Thomas' by Father James O'Brien. A large sum of money had been collected to erect a bell tower on the church, and, in the summer of 1856, the tower was erected and the bell solemnly blessed by the Archbishop. This was the "tall steeple" of Saint Thomas' which stands out so prominently on the skyline of a fine photograph of "Hampden in the 1890's" which appeared in the newspapers during the Hampden Golden Jubilee celebration in 1938. For it was in 1888, when the Honorable Elihu Emory Jackson was Governor of Maryland, and the Honorable Ferdinand C. Latrobe was Mayor of Baltimore, that the "Northern and Western Sections" voted to be annexed into the city of Baltimore, although the residents of Woodberry and Hampden had

already been listed as inhabitants of Baltimore City.

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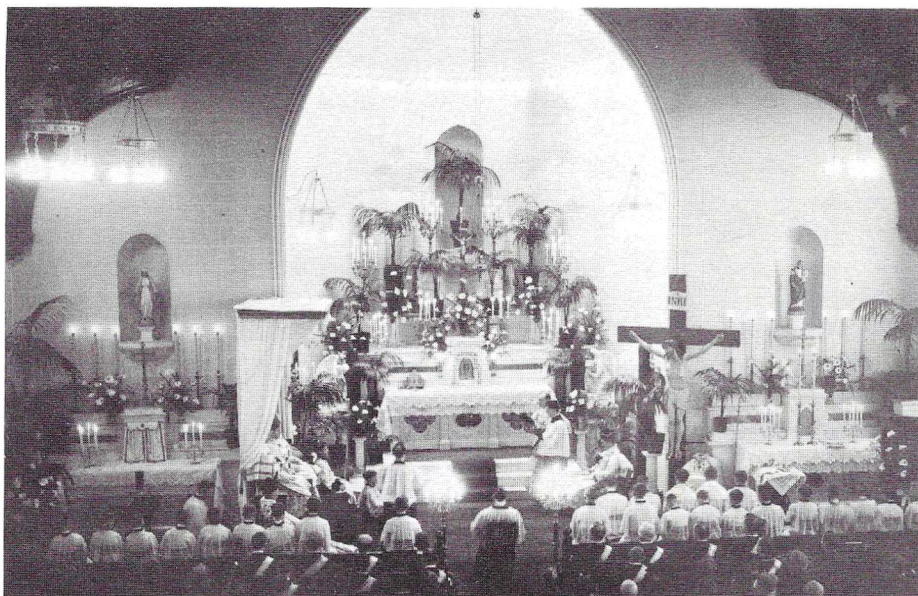
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Some of the events in Hampden of that period make interesting reading. The Baltimore-Hampden Railway, incorporated in the year 1865, had operated since 1872 two street cars running from Maryland Avenue to Thirty-sixth Street and Falls Road where there was a turntable. The motive power was horses or mules — mostly mules — and in wintry weather when the roads were snowed under, the cars were mounted on runners. But the first commercially operated electric street cars in America began operation, as a third-rail system, on August 10, 1885, with Hampden as its terminus. It continued in service for more than



The sanctuary of our church as it looked during Fr. Johnston's pastorate

Celebrating Holy Mass in our church in 1928





The beautiful interior of our church as it looks today

a year. In 1896, the regular electric trolley line was started.

It is also recorded that the people of Hampden in those days enjoyed the concerts given there by the Glee Club of Johns-Hopkins University — especially the fine tenor voice of one of its members — Woodrow Wilson.

Another of the long and progressive pastorates which has blessed Saint Thomas Parish began in 1892. Father James A. Cunningham was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, and began his studies at Dublin University. When he came to this country, he entered Saint Mary Seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained in 1874. Through his executive ability and his lovable and amiable disposition, the parish became one of the largest and best conducted in the diocese, as all

who lived in those days are enthusiastic in affirming. During his pastorate the rectory was built, at a cost of \$15,000. From 1902 he was ably assisted by the Reverend Francis G. O'Neill who installed the stained glass windows, a new pulpit, and the bas-relief Stations of the Cross.

The sudden death of Father Cunningham in November, 1906, was a shock not only to his parishioners, but to the entire neighborhood to which he had endeared himself. Eighteen ministers and clergymen, pastors of neighboring churches, called at the rectory to offer their condolences, and three of these attended the Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Curtis with Cardinal Gibbons presiding.

The following year, 1907, saw the culmination of one of Father

Cunningham's most important projects — the reopening of the school and the coming of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. An item in the *Aquinas Souvenir Year Book* of 1907 mentions that plans had been prepared by a prominent firm of architects for a new school building. But it appears that the money which had been raised was used for renovations only and for equipping the convent, since after the old school was finally torn down in 1956 to provide more playground space, the cornerstone was still that of 1873. The School Sisters opened their new home at Saint Thomas' on September 21, 1907, with Sisters Mary Thomasine, Dietmara and Priscia and Sister Stephen as superior. There were 103 pupils that year. When the new school was built in 1937, there were 320 pupils and the teaching staff had been increased to eight.

After the three relatively short pastorates of Father James B. Hughes (1906-1908), Father Peter B. Tarro (three months) and Father Thomas E. Lyons (1908-1912), the parish once again entered a long period of spiritual growth in the seventeen year pastorate of Father Lucian Johnston (1912-1929), together with his able and devoted assistants, Fathers William A. Cahill and John L. Barley. Father Cahill very early encouraged the project of Father Lyons to bring a Passionist Mission to Saint Thomas'. Father Johnston proved to be a genius at organizing the men of the parish for its physical and spiritual improvement. Father Barley carefully trained the altar boys in the sacred liturgy, reorganized the Sodality,

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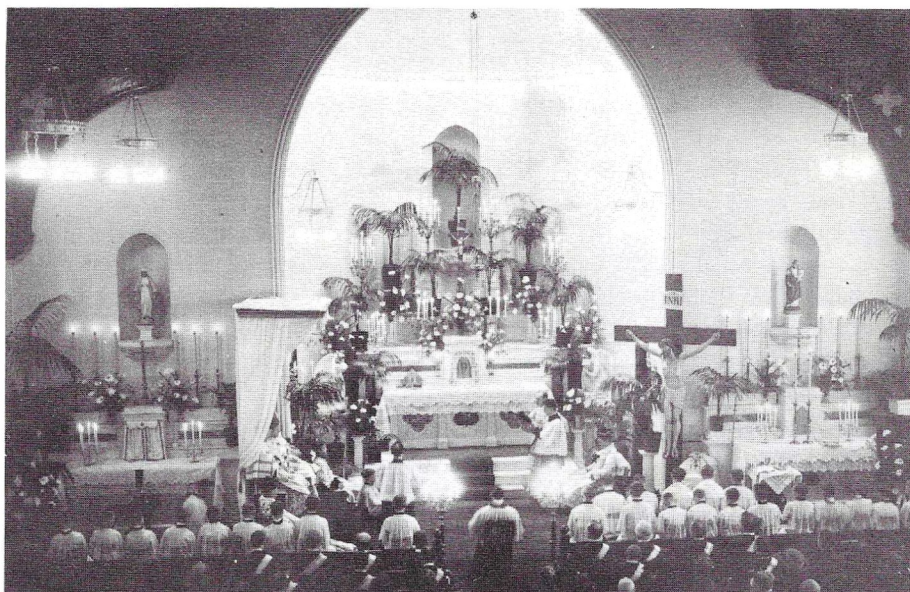
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One of our graduating classes with
Fr. McGraw (center) around 1940



instituted catechism classes for the public school pupils, re-established the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the parish, started the *Aquinas Monthly* magazine and, as his greatest work, fostered the practice of frequent communion. We can feel sure that these men of fifty years ago would feel very much at home in the present “progressive” movement in the Church.

The children trained in that “peculiar institution,” the parish-county school, grew up to enjoy and make their contributions to what was probably the happiest and most civilized period in the history of the western world, the *fin-de-siecle* and the early 1900’s. Then the blow fell. As often happens, the man who received the first blow, politically at least, was a man of goodwill. Then mightier hands

struck, as though to assassinate goodwill itself and to annihilate the joy of living and even confidence in a tomorrow.

Our Faith Is Steadfast During Troubled Times

While the newspapers headlined the international terror of the times, the *Journal of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent*, for their first fifty years at Saint Thomas, was recording the faith, hope and love of a small community of the people of God. Meticulously kept, it recounts not the clashes of bitter ideologies or the rantings of beer-hall maniacs, but the day-to-day progress of honorable and useful vocations, the history of joyful May processions, graduations,

School and resided in our community.” We of Saint Thomas’ have indeed been very proud of this eminent son of the parish right down to the present, when he was joined recently, at his own request, by Father David L. Leary, long-time assistant to Father Dougherty.

Christian Leadership

The Diamond Jubilee of Hampden-Woodberry now gives us the opportunity to record other prominent figures in the field of Christian leadership. The year 1938 marked the twenty-fifth year of service to the community by Edward Daniel Stone. He was assigned to the pastorate of Hampden Methodist Church by the president of the Conference who promised him a better assignment if he would just serve one year in Hampden. At the end of the year, E. D. Stone declared that he wanted to serve in Hampden until he died. He did, making this station one of the prominent appointments of the Methodist Protestant Church by the time of his death in 1940. Since that time Dr. Robert Meeks, Dr. William Best, Reverends James Dudley, Robert L. Wood, Ralph Wott, Leslie Werner and the present pastor, Gordon Clews have served, each making his own significant contribution to the spiritual welfare of the community.

The name of Archie Ford, who died in 1957, will also be remembered for his Christian leadership. A layman, his efforts in behalf of the Men’s Bible Class made it the largest in the state of Maryland. Hampden owes much to this selfless man, respected in hallowed memory by countless lives

he blessed whether Catholic, Protestant or unbeliever. He loved and lifted them all.

The Woodberry Methodist Church also has reason to be proud of its prominent community figures. Dr. German was the founder and for thirty years superintendent of Baltimore Goodwill Industries. Two civic leaders began their Christian lives at the church — Mayors Alcaeus Hooper and E. Clay Timanus, while one young lady went as a nurse with the famous Grenfell to Labrador. Woodberry Church is a member of the Maryland Council of Churches, the Hampden-Woodberry Protestant Fellowship and the Hampden-Woodberry United Ministries.

The story of the old passed through the mid-twentieth century toward a spirit of renewal which was to capture the minds and hearts of all Christians, culminating in the Second Vatican Council.

Renovations

The old school building did not finish its career with the building of the new. It became the headquarters of the C.Y.O. which experienced a remarkable renaissance in the 1950’s under the leadership of Father Maurice J. Wolfe, assistant to Father McGraw, and whose publication, *The Rolander*, won first-place honors among the C.Y.O. publications of the diocese.

Also in the 1950’s, the men of the parish “hit the newspapers,” when they organized, with a good deal of banter but with genuine goodwill, a “Room of the Day” program to repaint the rectory. But they must have



A young parishioner receives “first aid” at the Bazaar

Many parishioners tested their “luck” at the Bazaar.





One of the many parishioners who helped to make our Bazaar a success

Preparing for the Bazaar



known that they were following in the steps of their spiritual ancestors who contributed so much of their own labor to lay the first stones of their beloved church.

The pastorate of Father Dougherty will ever be memorable for his fine messages in the *Saint Thomas Aquinas Bulletin* which brought us a blessing each Sunday.

These were busy years for the parish. As the Vatican Council concluded its meetings and set the machinery of renewal into operation, Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish was looking forward to this centennial celebration. By New Year's day, 1967, the beginning of the Jubilee Year, Father Dougherty had two assistants, Reverends Paul L. Love and David L. Leary. Saint Thomas Aquinas School had a faculty of six Sisters of Notre Dame and three lay teachers. Sister M. Helena was superior. A long established parish, busy and active, Saint Thomas Aquinas was prepared for the changes to come.

A Time of Renewal

Father Francis X. Wills was appointed pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas in mid-1967, a period in which the directives and guidelines of Vatican II were being effected and implemented on the parish level. Father Wills fully recognized the distinguished history of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish and fully appreciated the spirit of renewal flowing through the whole Church. The centennial celebration was the perfect opportunity for joining the old and the new. Our parish is so well established that it can feel at home with the old and young enough to be open to the new.

With the faith of Christ as our foundation, with hope as our shelter, with charity as our spire we continue to form the Church — joined in common worship as the faithful of one hundred years before us. As a new community we know that Christianity today involves a personal commitment to Christ and common responsibility for the redemption of the entire community.

The Jubilee Year has given us, along with our new pastor, Father Wills, the opportunity to celebrate as a community, as the people of God.

Centennial Celebration

Early in July, 1967, the priests, lay corporators and heads of the various parish organizations met to lay the groundwork for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the parish. At a follow-up meeting later in the same month (July 24), committee chairmen were appointed to handle the details of the various aspects and events of the celebration.

Centennial Celebration Committee Chairmen

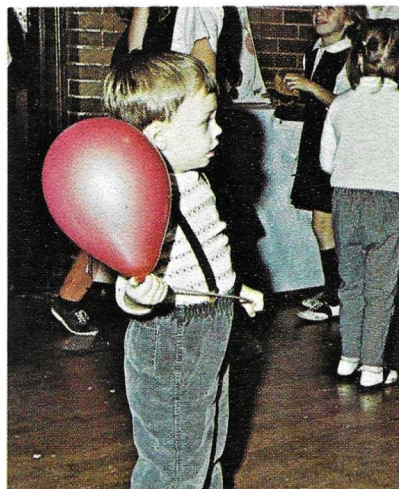
General Co-chairmen: Reverend Francis X. Wills, pastor and John Dugan; Liturgy: Reverend Anthony E. Krasowski; Traffic: Lieutenant Joseph Dalton; Banquet and Guest: Frank Smith, chairman and Robert Keith, co-chairman; Program and Coordinating: Reverend Anthony E. Krasowski, chairman and Paul Nevin, co-chairman; Publicity and



*"... may our sacrifice so be offered
in Your sight this day
as to please You ..."*



We joined the festivities at our Centennial Bazaar on Nov. 15, 1967.





Our 1961-1962 C.Y.O. bowling team with coach Joseph Longo

Adult advisors to our C.Y.O. in the early 1960's



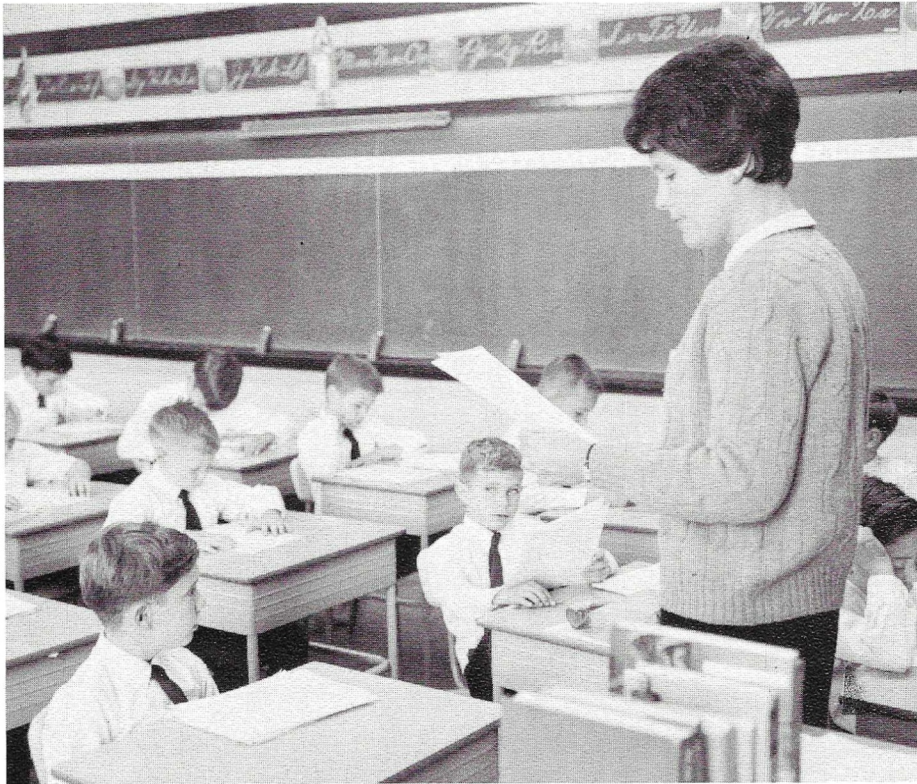
Program Book: Edward Jeunette, chairman and Robert Wood, co-chairman; Finance: Leonard Spence, chairman; and Gerrie Ritterman, co-chairman; Family Picnic: Milton Mann, chairman and Paul Pedone, co-chairman; Youth Activities: Sister M. Helena, S.S.N.D., chairman, and Christine Free and Angie Reininger.

A number of special activities and events were scheduled throughout the fall of the year, culminating in the concelebrated Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on December 10.

The first event was the Family Day Picnic on Sunday, September 3. This was adjudged a "huge success" as a large gathering of parishioners and friends of the parish turned out to enjoy the swimming and other recreational facilities on the Sparks (Md.) Retreat House grounds.

Three fund-raising events were held to aid in defraying the expenses of the overall celebration. A Parish Bingo Night on Wednesday, September 20, and a Centennial Bazaar on Wednesday, November 15, both held in the school hall, were singular financial successes. The former event netted \$500 and the latter grossed \$1,791.16. Proceeds from the annual Chocolate Drive were also used for this purpose.

Throughout most of the fall months the following contests, on the general subject of Saint Thomas Aquinas, were run concurrently for the children of the parish school: Essay Contest for seventh and eighth grade students; Poster Contest for fifth and sixth grade students; Poetry Contest for third and fourth grade students; Picture-coloring Contest



*(above) Recreation and (l) learning
are both parts of our school program*



*Our 1961-1962 C.Y.O. basketball
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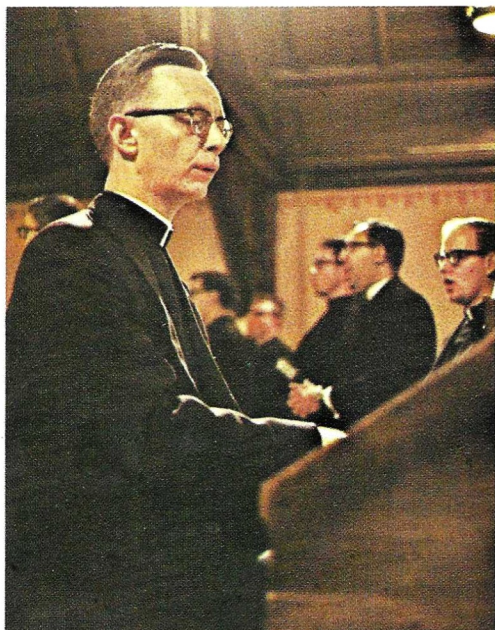
*"Come, O Sanctifier . . .
and bless this sacrifice
prepared for the glory
of Your holy Name."*



*"Graciously accept, then, we beseech You, O Lord,
this service of our worship and that of all Your household."*



*"Provide
that our days
be spent
in Your peace..."*





*Fr., now Msgr., Thomas A. Whelan
when he served our parish*

Jubilee Week began with a Folk Mass celebrated by Father Wills for the school children on Thursday, December 7. An assembly followed at which the awards were presented for the track and field meet, the Chocolate Drive and the Poetry and Picture-coloring contests. On Saturday morning, December 9, a Mass for the deceased members of the parish was celebrated by Father Krasowski.

The Jubilee Mass was concelebrated at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, in a church filled to overflowing with parishioners and distinguished guests.

Officials at the Concelebrated Jubilee Mass

Sunday, December 10, 1967

Principal Concelebrant: His Eminence, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore; Other Concelebrants:

Right Reverend Joseph M. Nelligan, P.A., Right Reverend Joseph G. McCourt, Reverend Joseph W. Krach, Reverend Paul L. Love, Reverend Paul G. Witthauer. Master of Ceremonies: Very Reverend Monsignor P. Francis Murphy, S.T.L.; Preacher: Most Reverend T. Austin Murphy, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Baltimore; Deacon of the Gospel: Reverend Mr. Joseph O'Brien; Lector: Mr. Frank Novotny; Prayer of the Faithful: Reverend Francis X. Wills, Pastor; Servers: Mr. Fred Dalton and Mr. Timothy Mann; Choir: Saint Mary Seminarians; Offertory Procession: Mr. Paul Love, Mr. Paul Nevin, Mr. John Dugan, Sister M. Alfred, S.S.N.D., Miss Angie Reininger, Miss Barbara Ann Beil.

The Centennial festivities concluded with a Parish Banquet the same evening at the North Point Gardens.

for first and second grade students. Trophies and cash awards were presented to those placing first, second and third in each category: Essay Contest: John Chalk, 1st; Barbara Ann Beil, 2nd; Peggy Keller, 3rd. Poster Contest: Dolores Goodman, 1st; Cynthia Scholl, 2nd; Bonnie Petty, 3rd. Poetry Contest: Catherine Maziarczyk, 1st; Mary Murphy, 2nd; Jean Nevin, 3rd. Picture-coloring Contest: Donald Grice, 1st; John Simms, 2nd; Jane Wiles, 3rd.

Other youth activities honoring the parish centenary included a CYO dance in September and a track and field meet for the elementary school children, the first ever held, on Saturday, November 11, at Roosevelt Park.



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 Father Thomas E. Lyons (1908-1912)
 Father Lucian Johnston (1912-1929)
 Father Francis D. McGraw (1929-1958)
 Father Paul J. Dougherty (1959-1967)
 Father Francis X. Wills (1967—)

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 at Saint Thomas Aquinas School, 1907 - 1967**
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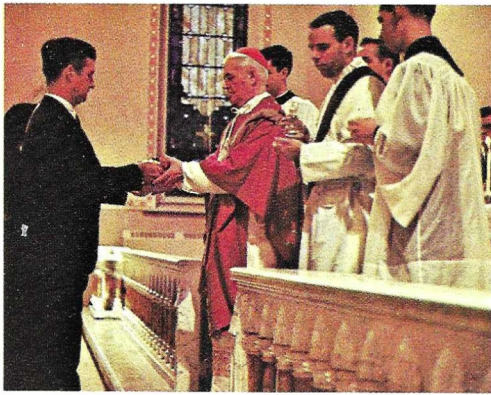
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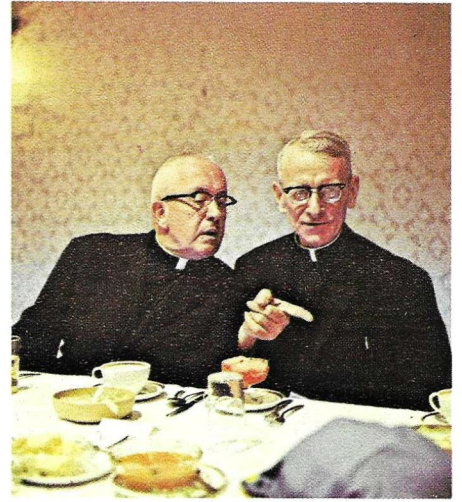
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 Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul



*"Accept, most Holy Trinity,
this offering which
we are making to You . . ."*

*We the people of God
We are the Church
Priests and People together — our
mission a revelation
living a full life becomes a sign for others*

*The parish banquet on Dec. 10, 1967,
concluded our Centennial festivities*



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